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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Transfers the Control over Quarries of Ornamental Stones to the Geological Department.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 8064-339, dated 20th July 1939, from the Director of Geology, submitting a set of rules for regulating the issue of licenses for quarrying coloured ornamental stones other than grey and dark-grey granite met with in the several parts of the State.

ORDER No. R. 1209-19—L. R. 448-38-6, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH AUGUST 1939.

At present licenses to quarry all varieties of stones are being granted by the Revenue Department in accordance with the provisions of the Land Revenue Rules. The Director of Geology has brought to the notice of Government that besides the true granites which are of the grey and dark-grey types commonly used for building purposes, there are a number of other varieties of stones such as felsites, porphyries, potstones, dark-coloured dykes, green quartzites, etc., which form valuable ornamental stones and that even these stones are being worked now under licenses issued by the Revenue Department. He considers that as these stones are valuable and not required for ordinary building purposes the licenses for quarrying these special varieties of stone should not be issued indiscriminately and that licenses for these stones should be granted more or less on the same lines as those relating to mining mineral deposits. He suggests therefore that the control over such quarries may vest with the Geological Department who may issue licenses for quarrying these stones. Agreeing with the Director, Government are pleased to direct that in future licenses for quarrying the ornamental stones referred to above be granted by the Department of Geology subject to the rules appended to this order.

2. Necessary amendments to the Land Revenue Rules will be issued separately.

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Chief Secretary to Government.